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Editorial

CHURCHILL AT MOSCOW

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SHIFT OF POPULATIONS

We have often wondered how any sort of order could be maintained in Europe as vast numbers of families are being shifted about from one country to another. Family roots go deep. Nothing causes more discontent and grumbling like having to pack up and move the family from ancestral homes so far and strange lands. Italyans are shifted to France, Germans to Austria, Russians to Germany, etc., all on a scale so tremendous that the continent is bound to be in a constant state of hysteria.

In America today, we are shifting populations, too. Before the war, the areas are receiving thousands of new families from the farm, small towns and distant states. But our shifting of population is voluntary, thus far. It is a major problem of social adjustment at that.

GETTING WHAT WE GIVE

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BANKING HAS EXPANDED

(Chicago Daily News Journal)

Many economic studies have expressed alarm at the incursions of governmental agencies into the banking business. On the other hand, the situation presents much encouragement of private enterprise in that the banks themselves in all parts of the country have taken on more duties of service to the public.

The magazine Banking recently published a special supplement on banking's part in the war effort. The supplement was partly based on a survey made of representative banks throughout the country. It shows that banking due to the war, has quietly and efficiently effected an immense expansion of its services to the public and the government.

It has been commonplace for the volume of work in bank's book-keeping departments to increase 40 or 50 per cent or more. The volume of transactions handled by tellers has shown similar increase. Gigantic war industries have been wittily built in communities where little major industry existed before—local banks must conduct thousands of pay checks weekly. Banks, like all other enterprises, have faced a difficult problem in obtaining mechanical equipment, while it has lost many employees to the military forces.

Banking has made an especially outstanding record in War Bond sales. Of the first \$5,000,000,000 of these bonds purchased, banks sold 50 per cent. Every cent of the money received went to the government, and the banks absorbed all the selling costs. Those selling costs ranged from 25 cents to 61 cents

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You can't fall trees without some chips; You can't achieve without some slips. Unless you try, you'll wonder why Good Fortune seems to pass you by. Success is not for those who wait. She gives her best to those who fail. And then with courage twice as great, Takes less once again with fate. 'Tis better far to risk a fall Than not to make attempt at all.

The reason ideas have such a hard time getting into some heads is because they have to squeeze themselves between prejudices. EX.

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SENATOR BYRD FOR GAS RATIONING OVER THE ENTIRE NATION

Statement by Senator Harry F. Byrd on the rationing of gasoline. Each day it becomes more evident that we must have nationwide rationing of gasoline. We are short of rubber and short of transportation for oil and gasoline. The only obvious and just thing to do is to ration these necessities on a nationwide basis.

It is grossly unfair and destructive of public morale to permit the citizens of the 31 unratified states to obtain unlimited supplies of gasoline and fuel oil for whatever purpose they desire it, and then deny fuel oil and gasoline to the citizens of the 17 ratified states, even for essential use in carrying on business in a limited way and heating their homes during the winter.

Why the administration delays, I do not know. To my personal knowledge, many high officials of our government have recommended to the President that gasoline and fuel oil be rationed on a nationwide basis, and this recommendation has been on the desk of the President for some time. There certainly should be no further delay.

Of the 27 main pipeline terminals, 10 are in rationed states and 17 are in unratified states. A number of unratified states have no pipeline facilities at all. Therefore, in such cases the gasoline must be transported for gasoline and fuel oil must be used as in the rationed states.

Mr. Joel Dean, Chief of Fuel Rationing of the Office of Price Administration, who has made an extensive investigation of the matter, has made the public statement in response to my inquiry, that nationwide rationing will release transportation facilities from the unratified to the rationed states, thereby increasing the supply of gasoline and fuel oil in the rationed states.

Even if for no other reason, there should be nationwide rationing of gasoline for the conservation of rubber, if the supply of rubber is as short as we are told.

National rationing simply means that in this crisis all will be treated alike. There is growing discontent among the 17 rationed states as to this injustice, and properly so.

The sacrifices that we must make, and in fact, are willing and anxious to make, if necessary, must be shared on the basis of equality and justice. We can win the war only as a united nation. Favorable conditions and areas must not be tolerated.

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